

WhatsApp Messages Between Councillor Deans and Deputy Chief Steve Bell

[2022-01-31, 4:01:52 PM] Diane Deans: What is the answer to why were heavy vehicles allow to occupy the core especially when they can be used as weapons?

[2022-01-31, 4:03:28 PM] Steve Bell: We don't have a legal right to deny them. They aren't weapons as matter of course and haven't been used as that. Charter protects right of mobility and right to demonstrate

[2022-01-31, 4:08:39 PM] Diane Deans: Is Wellington Street a designated truck route?

[2022-01-31, 4:12:19 PM] Steve Bell: I will need to confirm. But I don't believe so, but there are also not teuck restrictions there. Need to confirm tho.

[2022-01-31, 4:27:05 PM] Diane Deans: If they leave can we ensure no more are allowed in?

[2022-01-31, 4:28:21 PM] Steve Bell: Yes. We have it cordoned off for that reason. U can't drive into that area now.

[2022-01-31, 4:28:59 PM] Diane Deans: Ok good. It does beg the question why they were ever allowed in.

[2022-02-06, 3:14:36 PM] Diane Deans: Peggy Taillon called me. She said she shared her concerns with you last week, but just wanted to remind OPS that there are two hospitals (St. Vincent and Bruyere) in the impacted areas and that they need attention to ensure safety of their staff and safe passage for their supply chain. I thought it important to reinforce this message.

[2022-02-06, 3:39:17 PM] Steve Bell: Totally front of mind for us. I have been meeting with the hospital ceos a bunch of time. over the last 10 days and have spoken about this.

And thanks for reinforcing. It's important.

[2022-02-07, 6:50:18 PM] Diane Deans: Do you support this???

[2022-02-07, 6:53:17 PM] Steve Bell: No. Its not allowed. What Riley is saying right now is the issue.

[2022-02-07, 6:53:42 PM] Steve Bell: It's not more resources. It command and control.

[2022-02-07, 6:56:47 PM] Steve Bell: Don't support it.

[2022-02-07, 6:58:04 PM] Steve Bell: It is operations.

[2022-02-07, 7:06:43 PM] Steve Bell: That was well explained.

[2022-02-07, 7:08:48 PM] Steve Bell: They can't tell the chief where to put the people we get.

[2022-02-07, 7:09:25 PM] Diane Deans: Ok. So it's moot.

[2022-02-07, 7:09:48 PM] Steve Bell: They don't know that?

[2022-02-07, 7:14:41 PM] Steve Bell: U tried.

It's moot.

But what we are making sure happens.

[2022-02-07, 7:15:17 PM] Diane Deans: Well it can't be done so it's totally aspirational.

[2022-02-07, 7:15:45 PM] Steve Bell: Not sure how else we cud explain it.

[2022-02-07, 7:16:58 PM] Diane Deans: Catherine is losing their grip.

[2022-02-07, 7:18:04 PM] Steve Bell: Yes. Agreed

[2022-02-10, 8:49:58 PM] Diane Deans: Test. Did you send me a video tonight?

[2022-02-10, 8:50:29 PM] Steve Bell: No, I did not. Did u get one from me?

[2022-02-10, 8:51:30 PM] Diane Deans: It said it came from you but when I replied it went to Serge who I didn't even have on WhatsApp.

[2022-02-10, 8:52:18 PM] Steve Bell: That is very bizarre. No video sent from me.

[2022-02-10, 8:52:36 PM] Steve Bell: Are u holding up ok?

[2022-02-10, 9:02:03 PM] Diane Deans: I'm okay. Like everyone else, really tired and stressed. One of the Board members is driving me into an early grave. I shouldn't have any conversation with the chief. He should have to brief the entire board daily. And I should document every single conversation I have and send the board a briefing note.

How are you doing?

[2022-02-10, 9:09:09 PM] Steve Bell: I'm okay, same as u. Between the board and council colleagues u have ur hands full. Daily would be tough but if it cud be kept short cud be a cpl times a week? Wud need to check with the chief tho, wudnt speak for him.

[2022-02-10, 9:16:04 PM] Diane Deans: We have agreed to once a week plus if there is a change in direction we will request a special update. Also Krista will package up the board members questions and send them to Steinbachs.

[2022-02-10, 9:16:44 PM] Steve Bell: Makes sense.

[2022-02-10, 9:16:54 PM] Diane Deans: Did any extra help show up today!

[2022-02-10, 9:18:21 PM] Steve Bell: Some getting here today and will be out tmrw.

[2022-02-10, 9:23:04 PM] Diane Deans: It seems like there is no end in sight. This is torture.

[2022-02-10, 9:30:28 PM] Steve Bell: This will end. Not soon enuf but will end

[2022-02-10, 9:31:26 PM] Diane Deans: I hope so. It's too much for all of us.

[2022-02-11, 5:27:04 PM] Diane Deans: I left a message for Catherine McKenny that you will contact her about her security needs.

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